

1940



JACK WALSH, MANAGER

DEWITT
OPERATED
HOTEL

The MAYFLOWER

AKRON, OHIO

Monday Night

Darling:

Good news!

Margaret \$1200

Price 500

Had splendid visit with Margaret. She volunteered to increase her gift to \$100 per month. Gave extra \$50 for my address. Have sent her January payment plus the \$50 to Farrar & Reinhardt.

Here is \$250 and letter from Mrs. Price.

If Sid's check has not arrived, better inquire of Barbara.

In CORNING, N. Y. it's
• The BARON STEUBEN

In CLEVELAND it's
• The HOLLENDEN

In COLUMBUS it's
• The NEIL HOUSE

In AKRON it's
• The MAYFLOWER

In JAMESTOWN, N. Y. it's
• The JAMESTOWN and • The SAMUELS

Had good sleep this afternoon.
Must take care of my health.

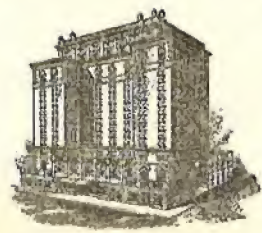
Feeling OK.

Devotedly yours

Kirby

Have about
700 of potatoes
in business room -
red & white ones

Friday afternoon -
5 21 1940



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Kirby & Alma :-

Well, we is all here and still
in the ring - mighty good family
for the shape we are in - Hey - Hey -
Marie doing nicely, of course getting
tired of staying up stairs - Maybe so
about Sunday she can go downstairs
and up to house & eat -

She is to go down to see the
Doctor Tues at his office.

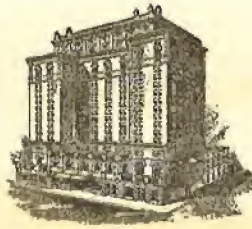
Georgie still over here and taking
care of her, Margaret & things up here -
Walt & Kay worked yesterday afternoon
at Fullerton on barbecue pit, each
getting ready to feed about 200 of em
tomorrow - Some Big Concern giving it
for their employees - They will pick

themselves up a nice piece of
Money for their work - They are there
now & will serve em tonight.

Every one working away and things
in pretty good shape all around -

Me, I haven't done so much
outside lately, except the little
necessary things - Taking care of the
back house, pots & flowers, shrubs - set
the Poinsettias, grapes & terraces -
Had some & scythed some on the
lines, Walter helped me with 1 terrace
Ray finished the Terraces? He
has been putting most of his time
on the Avacados - Cen and I worked
on the lime tree couple of hrs yesterday
afternoon - Walter some there today - am.

Don't know what will hit me
next - Stone Bruise, or something
on heel today - Had to get out of
my Boots at noon - Slippers now - So



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

This afternoon - posted Cook Book
up to date - up to Today -

So when Tax papers arrive we
have figures all ready & send
right on to you.

Mother fairly well, and no one
knows just how much work
she has done in last few mo.

Garden sweet and do we have
vegetables - you will be just right
for corn, Tomatoes - Beans and ^{too}
Have had Turnips - Carrots - Beets - Cabbage -
Pot - Onions - Berries and 50 or ^{oh}
First ripe tomatoes yesterday - Lot of
jellys & jams - Picked 360 apricots from
this one tree Wed & took down to her -
Was it a big Bucket - the Big feed Bucket -
Peeled 2 Boxes Boysen & Black Berries

Here today - Grapes coming OK -
7 or 8 Orange trees were loaded
with little ones -

Have had some really beautiful
glads - Cannas are pretty too -
Some 6 feet high - Roses OK -

Put myself on diet Tues & wed -
Helps I guess - But a fellow
gets kinda weak and in that
way anyhow - Afraid to weigh
anymore - Anyway I'm keeping
all orders moving - Handling
mail etc and trying to do all
I think should be done.

But Wile I be glad to see you ^{two}.
Haven't been anywhere now in 50
long, believe I would get lost -
Hope you both are well now and OK -
Write when you can, Love, Perry -

Dear Kirby,

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Sold 2 copies Living Prayerfully	\$9.20
1/ 30 " Religious Resources	3.00
	<u>6.20</u>
Shipping Charges	.72
Balance	<u>\$5.48</u>

20 books shipped to Lexington
4 boxes 5 each.

We are very grateful

Charles Walker

Thurs Noon. 1940

Dear Kirby :-

Not here today and how Mother
still feeling pretty good and
doing lots of work.

Every one still at it here,
getting things done too.

How about these checks here
we are holding? Let me know.

Still get few orders for 50
or 100 - are heaps.

Only books returned so far
were the 700 from Modesto. They
had some already and so kept 100.

Books like things are really busting
loose across the pond. By By Hitler.

No Census Taker here yet.
Hope your good luck will continue.
Love, Penny.



Cascadian

WILLARD E. ABEL, Manager

MODERN FIREPROOF HOTEL • • • AIR CONDITIONED THROUGHOUT

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Dear Mom:

Just a note to let you

know, I am all right.

As you might know, I

have money to make me write.

I had to get two new tires.

so I need \$25, can you send it.

if that I can get along alright.

Dad is doing fine but I still
don't know what the scar is.

Love
Kay.
P.S. I'll try to write more.

Thurs Night ¹⁹⁴⁰

Dear Folks; -

Believe it or not, No rain yesterday or today - And Does that make us feel good. Maie even mowed part of lawn ^{today}.

Worked at Mothers this afternoon cleaning chicken yards - Oh My! when she has certainly had a hard time of it during all these weeks of rain.

and no potatoes planted yet, ^{lucky} if we can get them out next week.

and is there some hoeing to do here - No dull moments for some weeks.

Iris has been out once since you left - And then for just about an hour.

Margaret learning to read pretty good now, and putting on a little weight.

Maie been under the weather last few days - Too much rain, and worrying over it.

Had to have new Battery and new generator for Diggie today - Charged it - Can't be helped.

about 16⁰⁰ = How you like that Bice for 53¢ for hauling 1 ton of BOOKS. Took us 6 trips for the first ton. Write us all the news, Alma - Earth worms are over the place - Love, Perry.

Sets	261
singles	112
Orders canceled	2
K.P. already delivered	5
<u>orders to date</u>	<u>380</u>

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a few of the sets ^{are} of
10 and 15 Books instead
of 5 -

about 250 singles went
out first - then 80 to
you first time and 56
this last time. How they
go - How we doing.
sent spotty 5 today - iced now -



Monday Night ¹⁹⁴⁰
at 11¹⁴

Dear Kirby! -

Greetings and Salutations! -

We just came up from behind room
and are we tired - However feeling
good - just finished all orders.

And rain, lost & house has
just poured down - won't do anyone
any good either - and still raining -

Now - we don't have an order
on hand that hasn't been filled -
We have & loads to go down
in morning. Orders today for 16
sets and 1 single - 81 Books -

Now how is this for a surprise,
We have on hand Exactly 244 Books
and that's all. Use your own

judgment when to send more but
books like we need em soon -

of course in 30 days we begin
to get some returns -
Send you had a day of rest -

Spent $3\frac{75}{100}$ at P.O. today and 1940
 $2\frac{18}{100}$ Express - Leaflets to you -

Will take $14\frac{40}{100}$ more in the morning - Then postage every day for orders as they go out -

after the $14\frac{40}{100}$ in morning will have about $5\frac{00}{100}$ left from the lost $35\frac{00}{100}$ = Does she go?

Have 55 sets of 5 - 1 set of 10 and 3 singles to buy stamps for ⁱⁿ morning. And please send me Exact number of Books H & R sent us on the 2 first Bunches - I misplaced the amount somewhere - This last bunch was 1135 Books - the other two - One was little over 500 and other one a little under - Want Exact figures please you have the Invoices - Tell you how the rain treats us soon as lets go P.O. enough to go all over & check up.

Tuesday Night
8:5

Dear Kirby & Almond -

Took Marie down to see the Doctor
at his office this afternoon, she is doing
fine and he is well pleased with her
progress. Next week she can go to Bank
or Monto. - He favors the Monto -
That is fine as Marie Perry in L.A. has
offered my Honey the use of their place
at Wrightwood for a week or two - so
leave about next Monday the 8th Marie,
Margaret and George will go up for
one week - Be back Monday before you
folks get ⁱⁿ on Sat - or treatments - Hey -
Me, I'm still hanging on - Haven't been
so well the past few weeks - Nervous
getting, run down & so on - just
need a good rest - Still in the pit

Got the sad news from the Doc today.

Surgery 150⁰⁰ 3 Extra items 11⁰⁰ total 161⁰⁰

Oh Boy - Ain't we got fun - I've
him another 25⁰⁰ today.

Walt & Ray improving. They just gave
every few days - Iris went into L.A.
yesterday & brought some young feline back
with her - Stayed all night - Walt also
brought some friend of his in some day.
And he stayed all night - All of them
- b - gone to Hollywood tonight for show.
They will be here again tonight and
think they will take them back to L.A.
tomorrow.

Walt been waiting on him last
couple days - Ray on board too.

Plenty of berries here at home for pies
& puddings - Several peaches now ripe -
I should be home just ripe for the

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4 Trees ^{Apple} South of Orben land and all the
 rest of them too. 4 trees are were loaded
 and one north of orben too.
 And then there were be there some
 Beans, Tomatoes, green peppers, Cabbage,
 Carrots, Onions and ~~potatoes~~.

Avocados from trees here also.
 Sold 6 doz lemons to Bonnie for \$4.
 Charles Price @ 20¢ per - 3 dozen to
 George Victor there @ 15¢ - and will keep
 them supplied from now on @ 15¢ doz.

Trees I fertilized are looking better -
 Have fertilizer all lined up I think -
 reasonable too - twice a year - will
 tell you all about that when you get time.

The 600 Books you ordered today, will go
 out in morning - Have this the 25⁰⁰
 Household Money - Mother has 20⁰⁰ and
 I have stamp Money - Had 1⁰⁰ left today.

Stamp Money when that come - of course
have lots of 30^d stamps downstairs.

Had 60⁰⁰ 50⁰⁰ - 10⁰⁰
then 25⁰⁰

Books 400 Cent.

89⁰⁰

4800 Books -	14 40
100-30	30 00
	07
	22 6
	40
	180
	20
	30
100-30	30 00
	50
	03
	20
	33
Exp -	195
	27
	90
	46
	149
	17
Exp ?	154
	60
	15
	<u>88⁰⁰</u>

Just saw it so how the
Stamp Money goes -

Dont think I have eaten but
one meal up at house
with everyone in about a
week now - Balance of statements
with letters will go out this
week - And hurry over that -

Also more Books to the Conference -
Freeking my Honey lots of sticks - Shaps -
fish & canned fruit eat - Im buying
these extra things - Not out of gro - money.

Hope you both
are well &
OK - Good
on a little
longer - I am
Love,
Perry.

"FOLLOW THE BEACON"

1940

RALEIGH'S NEWEST AND BEST
FIRE PROOF



EVERY ROOM WITH BATH,
RADIO AND ELECTRIC FAN

Hotel Carolina Sav Non

ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Kirby /-

Bought Mother 3 more of
those Chicken Houses, for little
fellows - just like the other
one I got her - 3⁰⁰ for first ^{one} -
Those 3 I bought from Gley
for 1⁰⁰ each - Kay & I just got
back from delivering them to her.

Also bought 4 large nice lemon
trees ^{Everett's one} 1⁰⁰ for 4 - from Bruce -
Put 3 out at her place and
one here - all OK - Everyone (over)
plenty tired - Love - Pam.

this is from the
spring catalog check
what you want +
send back,

M.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

- over -

Wed Night ¹⁹⁴⁰
8 ¹⁰

Dear Kirby! -

Hope Ace goes Wed with you
~~Two~~ - No letter since Friday I
believe.

Mother was sick in bed Sun
and Monday, and not feeling so
good since - Some better today.

I worked there $\frac{1}{2}$ day Monday
and today from 10 till 4 -

Marie went to shower at
Chevertons - 5.5. Class.

Last night we went to see
a soft Ball game - Little Teams,
and they sure play ball too.

Still using the hoe, sythe etc -
Watering things right along - Start to
irrigate trees Mon - if no rain.
Everything growing fine - The Sapota tree
is getting new green shoots. Love,
Tree no the news.

Thurs Noon -

Your letter from Pullman
mailed in Spokane came.
This Am - Thanks -

All well and everything
all OK -

Mother better today.
Hot now - putting plenty of
water on everything.

Black eyed peas for dinner ^{Hey} ^{Hey}
Hope the good luck wine
keep up for entire trip.

Write when you can

Love. Percy

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sat am

1940

Dear Kirby :-

Regarding the avacodas, Rideout
never did show up, or hear
from him.

Kay wanted to go over to
Armstrongs today and get some
Ryans, nearly same as Fr-

I told him we better make
sure from you - So if OK, we
will go over next Sat and
get the 24 we need.

Got no a letter here by
Fri Evening so we will know.

all OK - Mac later,

Love,
Perry.

NEW AMERICAN HOTEL

26 BROADWAY
MAUCH CHUNK. PA.

Dear Alice:

We are sure having
hot weather here. you better
be glad you aren't here. We
have been wearing our suits.
everything doing fine haven't had
time to do much else beside water
in the bath house and I haven't
had any time to sew yet. But
I guess I will soon get
caught up and have a little
more time.

What are the little things
in the middle center in little
pots (yellow color)? They are sure
coming up. also a purple siliz is

is blossoming in the center also,
not fully opened.

Grandma has a few blossoms on
one of her grapevines. The peaches
are setting on down there too.

Glad you are having a
wonderful time just take
things easy and I think you
will feel the best ever.

Write us soon. We do
miss you. We used to Kirby
being gone, but not you.

Love
Marie.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Wed Noon 1940

Dear Kirby:-

Glad all goes well with
you two.

Marie had S.D. class our
last night - 25 of them.

All under control here and
everything all O.K.

All of us feeling some better
all come out in the wash yet.

Bank at Ho. sent Mother the
5⁰⁰ check back - I wrote them
and explained she was my Mother
and not to send anymore as
we would merely return them.

She agreed this was the best
thing to do.

Still catching gophers - Hope we
get 1 more rain now in couple wks.
Love,
Perry.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Wed Night 1940

Dear Kirby! - your good letter came
this afternoon, also check for 70⁰⁰.

Mother family were and still
going, weather damp, cold and not
so good since the rain.

Me, I'm all broke out with poison
oak - on my neck the worst, can't
shave - Marie has some too.

Con came back to Pomona last
night - states work again today.

Margaret has sty in other eye
now - My-My - Don't we have fun.

200 of the Books from Modesto were
returned - mailed - Refused.

Ray & his just drove in - vacation over
of week I guess.

Deposit tomorrow will be 281.78
as per slip attached.

Good things are starting out so good,
and that Alma is OK -

Lots of love, all OK.

Perry.

Sunday 9 ^{Aug} 1940

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks; -

Thanks for Card - Had nice rain
last night - Hurray.

your oed friend. Harold Brunner
and wife were out yesterday. - Showed
them the place, They met every one
here - were sorry to have missed
you - said they would ^{see} ~~you~~ you
at times in May - we gave
them a How to. K a o o war and
one of the R. R.

Art & Devota were out for
lunch yesterday.

All were and OK -

Love, Penny.

we will make a small
deposit Monday about \$50.00 maybe
more after the mail comes in. Let
you know.

Love Marie
Mig + Mrs from Margaret.

Wed morning.

1940

Darling,

So get our babies out of Rock today and bring them home. I haven't seen Judy's eyes yet. Hope to some day. Mary is feeling fine and ready to come on home. Indeed, anxious to come. Says they don't cook the vegetables right (ever heard that before?) and she wants more orange juice and more milk. She also says she is going to watch her "figger" and not get fat. Quite a job, but it can be done.

Honest, I haven't had time to do anything. Am sure glad she will get home. I have spent most of my time going places. Did take off Saturday to go to Allen's church. Saw Sherwood briefly before meeting. He is terribly busy writing a book on the "Hist. of Christianity in America". Much too busy to come out here.

or see many or any of us. He will see you
in N.Y. Saw Kevin briefly.

about 10 people have returned cards
and most paper the 27th. Field
will be in east. Jerry doesn't know where
he will be.

Must rush to get ready now.

Hope and hope. Love

Always yours
Anna.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Saturday noon

1940

Darling:

It rained yesterday and
last night, and that helped a
lot. You may as well sit tight
and hold your horses. Emmett
says it may be a couple of weeks
before you are a grandfather.
Just keep your shirt on.

I'll write Sherwood and
try to get him to come out and
look us over. We will go get him.
Will tell him your dates in N.Y.

Kay has carried the trees around.
Perry can plant when it is dry
enough.

Love

always yours
Alma.

Friday Noon -

The
California
Limited



Dear Kirby, - your letters
always enjoyed - Thanks.

Cloudy and cool today -

For a change have been
working this week -

Feeling lots better, get all
choked up on the dust
etc. - But could be worse.

Expect to have the place
all weedless by the time
you get home - Here's hoping.

So far lime trees looking
fine - Watering em once a week.

Judy is some girl, Boy wie
you have a time with her.

Hope you continue to feel
OK and load up were.

Everything still growing fine,
including weeds and how.

My Doctor bill this past
month only 26⁰⁰ - wow -

Dentist wie be next -
Aint we got fun.

Everything & everyone are OK
and under control.

His Honor seen the baby
yet - Write us when you can
Love, P.L.

Hotel Morrison

Friday Morning! -

CHICAGO

Dear Kirby! -

LEONARD HICKS
Managing Director

All OK - Rained Wed night so we won't
get to hoe anymore this week - Weather man
says rain today & clear up tomorrow.

One letter from you so far - Tucson - and
one from Alma at Ft Worth - Orders for 12
sets and 1 single yesterday ⁽⁶¹⁾ - Mother feeling better.
36 eggs yesterday. Down to 21 now -

Hope you are both OK - when do Books get here?
Love, P. H.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Monday Night
8 PM

Dear Kirby! -

All OK and everyone well, except
for the poison oak, creek in neck,
stuck a spike in my thumb and
sprained my wrist - Hey - Hey.

We spent Sat night and Sunday
in Pomona, left here 8 Sat night.

Roy and I've took dinner with
Mother yesterday, and today I waited
there all day - Marie & Margaret
came down at 12 and we had
Chicken dinner -

Tree alone she showed home seen
all 3 of us in garden with
hoes, working away at some time.

Garden looking nice and things
beginning to grow.

Tell us if we don't give you
enough details on everything -
Hope all well. Write us when
you can. Love, Perry.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday Morn ¹⁹⁴⁰
7 Am

Dear Kirby! -

Everyone all right, but lost
two days just to hot.

Friday was 94 in L.A. and
yesterday 96 - Hottest in 50 yrs.
on that date in April.

Deaton lost 3 days Friday -
Worked at Mother's some yesterday
morning until noon -

Kay & Iris came in Fri eve
late - We had chicken supper
for them and then they pulled
out for the mountains with Larry
& V - Be back tonight I guess.

We are going by Mother's soon
now for visit - Then on to
Pomona for the day. Phoned my water
dates for the year Jan yesterday.
Love, Perry.

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ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Alvin & Kirby:

Everything going
along smoothly. Perry irrigating
but looks like rain although
weather man says no.

Chato has gotten one skunk
since you left, him's also in
on it. Then he slept on our Porch
outside open window all night. I
never saw him down but no
more yet back in bed and he was
up again. I got a caller and keep
Chato tied most of the time.

Mary Humpst (was w.) had a 8 lb.
baby lady about 2 weeks ago.
Dore is into.

Building across the hill from
us next to the great big house
in that clearing. Looks like a
good sized house from here.

We will write as soon.
We think of you often and I
always remember you friends of love
in my prayers.
Marie

His stayed over
at R.A. this weekend.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940
Sat - Noon -
27th

Dear Folks:-

Ray, Marie, Margaret and I just got back
from Whittier - Been over looking at
the Haas Avocado trees - Man has
800 of the best looking trees I have
ever seen - Fruit is fine - Green
about 8 oz. lots of oil content - little fibre.
He got 10 and 15¢ a pound last
year - He has 2000 Lyen trees - got
only 3½¢ a pound for them.

You have to sign up that no one
uses or gets buds from the trees - They
have patent on them -

Here the Catch - Duck - for 2.5
we need they are 3⁵⁰ each.

In the long run I think they are
worth it - Only thing is can you spread
the 87⁵⁰ now. Armistings are around
1⁷⁵ to 2⁰⁰ for 2-3 ft size - These are 3 to 4 ft

Ray likes them very much. Too maddy to plant
this week anyway - Am to let him know Fri -
Another good rain yesterday. Love, P. L.

Sunday 8th

1940

Darling:

Everything about the same here. Weather couldn't be nicer. Will probably begin to act up when you get here. As usual, Perry is under the weather some. Margaret is in school again. K & Iris get out this weekend.

Hope you have sent some additional cash as some bills past due are crying out and I am down to bedrock.

It doesn't seem much like Christmas as it is too much like summer or fall. Maybe we can get into the mood more when you get home.

So let me have more dates, between the 10th and home.

Heaps and heaps love

Everyone over
Alma.

JUST REMEMBER



PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND
1805 WALNUT ST., RITTENHOUSE SQUARE, PHILA., PA.

1940

Kirby:

Material frame

A. B. Wright:

The Will of God and
Man's Lifework

Schraeder in Public
Worship recommends
Sperry - "Reality in
Worship" - I shall
read through for
material + shoot it
out -

Hope the writing is
coming along ok.
Boosting the book! but

● The intelligent financial program
is LIFE INSURANCE - the safe financial program
is with the PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND.

1940

Dear Mamma and Pappy -

It's so much fun being
lazy - I shouldn't tell you now,
or you'll lose interest in your
trip, but this really is made fun!
Especially now that Mary and
Walt are home.

Thank you so much
for the \$5. Unless I find
some silk jersey to make some
leech slacks of, I think I'll
save it for school shoes this
fall. Kay is giving me a
lovely slip - when I find
the one I want - and
Mary and Marie each gave me
a dollar I spent on a new
white purse.

I'm so anxious for the
folks to get here - it hardly

was out, and really felt that we probably would be in it by August or September, but now I think it may at least be postponed for awhile, which gives us time to work, at least. It's looking less and less sensible to go in at this late date. I hope I'm right. This silly "fifth column" hysteria has reached ridiculous proportions out here. That's one thing that does frighten me. And also the fact that so many nice people I know are haunting munition factories looking for a job to save their own skins while blasting 10 others. "If I don't

seems possible that it's only 2 1/2 weeks now. I hated not being able to go to the migrant camp but I realize now that it would have rushed things terribly.

I'm working on a campaign for a Congressman over in L.A. His square on the war issue & all the social issues so I think it's worth the trouble, even though it's about the most tedious thing I've ever done - very similar to cutting ^{out} ~~up~~ ~~and~~ every name in the L.A. telephone directory & then putting them in another book. Fun!

I was awfully discouraged at the time school

"Someone else will."

Well, this is getting
morbid - Alma I got some
lovely grey material for skirt
& yards. I think I'll have
enough for a dress, too.

Oh! Thank you for
the lovely blanket! We
have it on our bed now,
and do I like it! The
couch cover is a beauty
too.

I cleaned out the
kitchen cupboards but I'm
afraid we won't have
room for your patty
till they eat some jam, etc,
Alma. But I think that can
be arranged.

We've been having berry pie
galore! Yum yum - Love
Gris



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

1940
Sat Morning

Dear Kirby! -

Say whatsmalla feela we no
Catchem letter.

Have seen letters come
here to everyone else, and
we seem to be on the
missing list.

Glad to hear you are all
OK and that everything is
hoeding up fine.

Mother so enjoys your letters.
Did you receive our letter
at Rochester - Big fat one.
We have had one from you.

-2-

This is one number three.

Weather fine and plenty
of rain so far -

Think you will be pleased
with the way place looks,
and also Mothers - Hey - Hey
wait till you see em.

Mother and I got 4
rows potatoes planted.

Just a little early yet,
however getting the ground
all ready. Work about 2
days a week down there.

Kay and his have the
bridge club tonight.

-3-

We have 5 peach trees
coming Monday for Mothers
Alma bought at a - last
week.

We have 3 peach trees
here on place that haven't
shed the leaves yet.

and have 2 that are
blooming.

Lots of coughs, colds, etc.
I guess we will shake them
some day.

Everything well in hand,
Take care of yourself.

Love,

Pam.

Dear Willy;

My kiss from
Margaret

went to Armstrongs
last week and got a lot of
things to put out, will be
here Monday so we will have
lots to do.

Ann⁺²₄ went over to Dr.
Burnside yesterday he has
put her on a diet. Thinks it
will help her a lot.

Perry has been doing a
little better with his sleeping
and not bothered with the
asthma so much.

won't be long before you will
be home. Love
more.



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

1940

Dear Wiley:

just add a note
to Perry's kind of note in
the Times just now.
any way they can be glad
I waited until the kids
were home for vacation
before I got sick.

Have the books been
getting to your places on
time? I have been trying

to keep them far enough
ahead.

Everything running smooth
and half way round again
now that all the singles
are finished.

Margaret sends a big
big + kiss. Margaret

Take care of yourself back
there in the cold.

write soon
Love Marie



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Tuesday Night
1940

Dear Kirby:-

Your good letter came
yesterday, Thanks - Glad you
are all OK, and hope
things continue good with you.

Maie has been in bed
last couple days - flu -
feeling better tonight and
hope she will be up tomorrow.

My asthma has been better
last few nights, and hope
to get the best of it yet.

All the rest OK - minor
colds - Think Alma is feeling

better these days, Trip should
do her lots of good.

Well Hurrah, rabbits are
all gone - Soed one felleon
in whittaker 6 - 12 ⁵⁰

and Deaton took all the
rest - finacey got em all
moved yesterday - 37 ⁵⁰ - Coming
from him -

Store room is all down
and rabbit houses nearly all
down - Ray building large
store-room, oh Boy -

you won't know the place,
Hey - Hey. Lots of rain lately.

But haven't washed a hen
so far this year.

Last week we picked up
Mother and drove around
and found her a red
rooster - and I mean a
real one - 2⁵⁰ - and fine
stock too. at Buena Park.
Alma bought him, and few
days later Alma drove me
back over, and I bought
her a setting of fine red
eggs - 15 for 2⁰⁰ - So
before long she will have
some red reds - Haven't they
are fine as I have seen.

She is doing pretty good,
and looks for your letters.

Got off 2000 Books to
Methodists at Chicago today.

Orders for 50 each still
coming in good. some 100^s

Kay is back up to 150 -
me - Hurley if I weigh 135.

Guess some of these days
Maie and I will have to
take couple days off.

Have not been to Monier or
anywhere since you left.

Hope we were, keep writing
always glad to hear how
things are. Lots of love from us 3 Pers.

I have decided that
a hand board is about
as simple as they can be.
No kidding! Day 6 the
second week they can
stand up to a hat pad
behind. Maybe.

as ever.

Ray

1940

Dear Pop.

W. H. and I are now, in an
auto camp, 3 miles from school.
We have been here a week and
I am almost home, however
the refrigerator has a problem.

I got into 1st place in the
W. H. and I have a problem.

We got our grades last
week and I got 1st in the
rest of the class. I am
happy. In my opinion I
am the most workman in
the class. I got a C

③

~~was~~ had not had a good
 job done, as it got a
 bad setup. so, maybe I got
 off your hands yet.

After semester I am

Taf... a course in projects
 for beginners, a metal course,
 now machine shop, a theory
 course, a course in pattern
 making, for casting metal and
 a drawing course.

For the last hour I
 have been trying to bring
 up a sample project.

④

I guess he did not like
 the way I conducted my
 class at some time. I got
 the "D" in machine shop.

This semester I have
 14 units, 8 lecture periods
 and 26 lab periods making
 4 free periods out of 5-8 hour
 days, some free.

Today I heard the
 most encouraging news yet.
 Dr. Gensfield said that
 out of all the graduates
 in the field, only one

Sunday afternoon
4:05 1948

Dear Kirby:-

It gives me great pleasure to
tell you the letters and statements
are all gone - Myrtle was out
2 half days - attended the ems -
Marie and I did the rest -
you have about 1600⁰⁰ coming from
the statements we mailed - Last few
weeks orders, we did not send
them letter or anything. We sent
out 200 of the min letters - and
to those 200 were people who
had 100 or more - the ones for
50 we sent one of the letters
we already had on hand - Hope
this is OK with you - Have about
75⁰⁰ on hand in small checks
for Books - Will see if anything

from you tomorrow morning, then
make a deposit.

Many, was, Kay & Iris are at
Beach again today - Marie, Margot
and her mother just left for J. Q.
to get the key for the place up
at Wrightwood - Marie, Margot and
George will go up tomorrow
for a week - Marie doing nicely -

Have been paying George \$5.00 a wk -
She works pretty good - Trees are
growing fine - Ben and John were over
thurs eve - all 4 played golf and
they stayed for supper - Irrigating
now - started yesterday. 4 trees of
peaches now getting ripe - afraid they
will be gone before you arrive.

no, I'm just hanging on by my teeth,
waiting for 24 more days to go ^{they}
Hope you both are ok - ^{they}
mother fairly well - Love, Perry.

THE OVERLAND ROUTE

6:30 a.m.



another moral victory



1940

Tuesday

Dear Jack -

It won't be long now. I'm betting you'll even beat us back from camp, and all I hope is that you don't try to take the the last mile of curves as fast as I know you will the rest of it.

And Secondly, we did take care of Choto, but he just acquired those maggots without our assistance. Beside his car was about to drop off from the fight with the chow so we spent all our leisure time worrying about it and not a little old skunk puncture

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

us to Dad's conference. The
one who is going was out here
to stay 1, 2 days last week -
a grand fellow.

You'd better come home
quick so there's too many to
play pounce. It's ruining
my morale. Last night Mary
got 100 ~~before~~ while I was
still below the zero mark.
Isn't fair.

I am supposed to finish
this and I sure am glad you
are coming home, if for no
other reason than that I
won't have to write any

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you ought to see the party new
slacks I made, and I'm making
adress now like it. See blue,
both for less than \$1.90. I've
been mending and fixing things up, too.

My folks will get here some-
time this weekend but Claire won't
be with them. He's going to the
Delta Coop. My older brother was
to go home last week for his
grandfather's funeral, so that
probably rules out any possible
trip to M. C. to see the folks this
summer. I wish we could all
get together soon.

One, and possibly three of
the boys over at the UCLA
housing coop is going with

more letters. We have

things in pretty good shape
around here, but there is
still lots to do. I got
my grades; I got an "A"
and a "B" for wood work.

The rest were "E's"

It has been pretty hot
here the last few days.
but I guess we don't mind.
any how I am getting a
good tan.

Love,

K. M.

1940

Saturday -

Dear Marathoners -

I hope you realize by this time that a 3 months tour of the South would be about enough. I do hope you won't get too tired.

Things going well here. I've been doing a little sewing - not much. a couple shirts for Walt - Sunsuit for myself - and I cut out that blue & white rayon print mother - for another dress. If you want it still - it will fit you the way I'm making it. But I had to have something. I've been wearing your cotton dresses around the house. I've got to get busy and make some slacks. I also cut out a bed jacket - out of that small piece of light blue rayon we've had.

So long.

Walt just in a Barbecue for
a feed at Berea last night - and
he brought home one chunk of meat -
15 lbs - as nice and tender as you
ever saw - Oh yes we eating it.
Must have had about 4 lbs for lunch.
It certainly is good.

Walt's new suit sure looks
swell on him - fairly dark green
tweed - and an extra pair of flacks -
plain green & lighter. Does he look
handsome - my-my! Made a
nice green shirt to go with it.

Choto had to go to the Vet again.
He had a bad bite on his jaw - kept
getting a bigger & deeper hole there -
he has maggots - we get him tonight.
Poor thing. I wrote home -
hope the corner from - I'll put her
to work crocheting. Well -
So long for now - Love - Mary & Walt.

Dear Alice

1940

My loss of weight
comes from the
thyroid tablets.
I have a deficient
thyroid. And
three other ailments.
My pills have
an orange
coating. Those
I've took were white.
Hope you & Kirby
are enjoying
your selves - Johnnie



HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

Saturday -

Dear Folks -

Guess we've kinda neglected
you here, haven't we? But
we just haven't felt much
like writing. We got home
Fri. morning about 11:30. We
started from Las Vegas at
4 A.M. ! We figured we'd
better get across the desert
before it got too hot.

Boulder Dam was swell - but

Oh so hot - about scorching
the rock on every side sure
make the place a furnace.
Got there about 2:30 P.m.

Walt went swimming
in Inland Lake - cooled off
a bit - then we went
thru the Dam - and then
went on to Las Vegas for
the night - we had the
finest air conditioned
cabin. It was sure worth
the \$2.50

Got here - no cars
around - Ray only welcoming
committee. His was in
L.A. till 6. Perry seeing
Mama at hospital till about



HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

(2)

2 P.M. Were we surprised.
Since then we've been taking
it decidedly easy. Going
to the Beach tomorrow.

We decided we had enough
chests around here - so
didn't order the set - only
the bed, spring, & mattress -
and a couple of pillows.

Still in process of painting
them. Finally got unpacked

and straightened out in
drawers. Cleaned Dad's
room up yesterday - was
it a mess! Papers & junk
all over creation. Can't
seem to find that darn
jazz manuscript. Incidentally
he wrote Walt & I at the
time he sent it to you.
Wanted you to be sure &
hear what he had to say.

The guys got their croquet
set up - and do they go
at it - But in a 500 watt light.

I made me a sun suit
out of the blue & white
polka dot cotton - works O.K.
but would look better in
a softer material that would



HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

③

drope better. I've got to
make myself another dress
before long.

Boy have we been
eating! and does it taste
good. Haven't been sick
over it - just food and full.
Both quantity + quality.

Thanks for the gift - it
sure will come in handy.
Sue says thanks too.

went to see Emmett today.
He sure is busy. After
talking it over - guess it
would be better for me to
go the the Fullerton
hospital rather than Santa
Ana. It's closer - and Emmett
may not be here to deliver
anyway, in which case we'd
want Dr Stein, who's in
Fullerton - Emmett will be
in Cleveland the 11th to 21st
of October - so unless Jim
goes and early or late -
he won't be here. But that
can't be helped. I hope
he's here then tho. The
hospital is going to cost
about \$55. for 10 days.



HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

④ Perry isn't feeling so good -
but he won't let Walt
do any of his work - we
keep trying. The place
looks swell. Walt
clipped the badge - makes it
look a lot better.

The records sure are
swell Dad - a few they
didn't have - and were going
to send. We'll have to get

4 new albums to hold
them all - 2 big + 2 little
ones.

The stack of pamphlets
has gone down a lot since
we got here - Hope it keeps
going.

How are you doing?
Setting nested up here?
Hope so - take care -

Lots of love -

Mary & W. A. B.

Yes. It's great to be
home! Haven't a time -
you should see my new
outfit!! Saw this little
write-up + thought you'd
be interested - WR.

Wed 8¹⁰ ¹⁹⁴⁰ am
MORNING

Dear Kirby :-

Myrtle was just out with
the latest letter and one to
be mimeographed, then sent out -

Whee, I'm stumped - Looks like
an impossibility with Marie in bed.

I have checked all books returned
made notations of no. and name -

Same with all payments recd
that have come in with new
orders and ~~are~~ that stuff -

But, none of this has been
entered ^{on cards} ^{in the book} in 2 weeks or a

little over - Couldnt possibly
send these out until ~~these~~
they are all entered - Will
take a week to do that -

No one but Marie knows just

how these cards and everything
are indexed etc - In other
words for us here wife is
like looking for a needle
in haystack - Wife do the
Best I can - Toed Myrtle
I thought I couldn't be done
now - She is going ahead with
the "Mum" letter.

Doing all I can with Everything
and working day & night,

No more stickers from Myrtle
for books to go out since
last week - we got out the
10,000 she gave ^{us} - ^{about 14,000}
^{- She has a job}
left to go - of when - Have \$1000
boxed - tied & ready to go - Not
much room to work here yet then off -
wife get out every night -



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Sat Noon 1940

Dear Kirby! -

Weather fine, and all
hands on deck - Marie doing
all right, just a question
now of severe water rest
and get her strength back -
She sat up in chair about
20 min - just got back in bed.

Worked till 11³⁰ last night
and have another 5000 ready -

Order today for 1-100 and
1-50 - Won't have boxes for
the last 5000 pamphlets -

phoned them in L.A. today
to order 2 Boxes (50) =
They
Would make up less than
10 Boxes (250) want 20⁰⁰.
I told them just to forget it.
So the last 5000 were
have to get off the back
way all can - will get
Boxes or something to need.

Hope you are both well
and OK - Know you are busy -
write us when you can.

Love, Penny.



Coffee Shop



1940

OCEAN PARK HOTEL

On Beautiful Ocean Avenue
GORDON BAGGETT, Manager
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Saturday

Sailing:

Resting today!

and did I need it!

*Five addresses yesterday
in Atlanta.*

*Will write longer
letter tomorrow.*

Heaps of love

Kirby



HOTEL WAREHAM
MANHATTAN, KANSAS



HOTEL VINITA
VINITA, OKLAHOMA



HOTEL GILLETT
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Written at Manhattan
Tuesday

darling:

It was a joy to get the
good news. Wish that I could
be on hand. Tell me lots of
details.

Having a grand time here.

Saw Merlin for a moment
as he passed through on way
to funeral of wife of a
cooperative worker.

Will stay here tomorrow -
writing & studying. Then to

Kansas City on Thursday.

Topeka on Friday. % Les Kessell,

Y.M.C.A.

St. Louis, Sat., Sun., Monday
% Hotel Statler.

Chicago date has been
changed. ^{Reddy} I will ask Hotel
Morrison to forward books,
etc. Will go direct to
Meadville, Penn.

Presume you copied
itinerary sent by Red,
with names & addresses
of correspondents. If not,
please tell me.

Kisses & love

Kirby

9107

Kirby Dear. Here it is
 the last day of Oct. your letter
 came yesterday, just work
 I have not been to see the Baby yet
 but will - too much company for me
 they are coming along fine -
 yes it rained again on Tues. morning
 after you left - now I glad - not
 much work since, & I started to
 quilting - mornings are wet & cold
 do not waste too many steps
 on me I am feeling good for
 one went to the Dr. over my head
 it's all-right, I got to bed for
 I am looking & praying for you

1940



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON



KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Tuesday - 12th

Dear Folks -

meant to write you last
night - but kinda didn't get
around to it. We stopped
at Tucumcari, N.M. last
night - and were at Holbrook,
Ariz. now. We go to
Boulder Dam tomorrow night,
and then up early and home.
We've had nice cabins the
last few nights - and we've
cooked a couple of meals -
but mostly it's too much
work. We haven't driven

any later than 7:30 yet

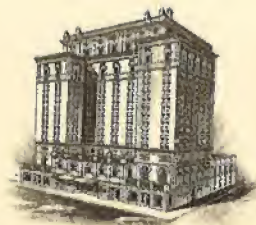
We had rain & clouds for
2 days - but it got a
little hot today at times,
even tho its pretty high.
Fairly comfortable driving
tho - nice and breezy.
We stop at least every
2 hours - usually $1\frac{1}{2}$ -
for a drink at least.

We've both been feeling swell.
Be glad to get home tho.

This is sure desolate
country. I've been noticing
the scenery much more ~~more~~ today
this trip than before.

Partly because I've been
in the front seat all
the time - and I haven't

1945



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON



KNOXVILLE, TENN.

been asleep yet on the road -
surprising for me.

We have to eat all our
fruit up before the Calif
border I guess. and those
peaches we got went quite
nife.

Well - better fun in how -
Behave yourself - and get
some rest too. Wish you
were coming home soon.

Love - Mary & Walt.

over

Sat 10³⁰ am

Going to hospital
soon now - with Cony -
May take Margaret
and go back home
and spend this Eve
and maybe Sunday
Kay, Miss and Dick are
going to Black tomorrow.
May get to bring
Maie home Mon Eve
Tuesday anyway - We
need more money
I can get it now. Hope
P.H.

Fri 3^{pm}

Mary & Walter arrived little
bit ago - all OK -
Bring Maie home Mon or Tues.
Hope Mrs. W. will visit you.
Another 5000 Books off
in morning - Love, Perry.

Start writing
again Monday -
are well in
hand - all OK
here -

1940

Dear Father,

Well it's all over. Mrs. finished
Friday and I did on Saturday. Tomorrow
Mrs. will go over and do some work
for a future assembly man (I hope)
and get our grades. So, I will
let you know about them next
time I write.

I saw Hammel and he says
your dues in the Auto club are
due on the 1st of July so, send
him \$12. Also some insurance
on the Dodge the bill for which
I shall send on when it arrives
as ever
Kog.

Dearest folks -

I'm sorry and ashamed
about not writing. Life seems
so busy! And right now of
course, with Marie in the
hospital and preparing for
Mary and Walt it's even more so.
Will I be glad when they
come?

I was planning on going to
Tulane as counsellor in a migrant
camp for 3 weeks, but cancelled the
plans of course. It really will
make the summer less hectic
anyhow, tho I am sorry to miss it.
I'm glad we'll all be together for
awhile - feel like we're hovering on
the brink of something. I only hope
that somehow we do stay out there's
no way of telling. People want to,
but are so inarticulate.

Love to you both and take care
of yourselves. —

Irma

1940
Come in the morning
get off the 1500
for your order ^{yourself}
250 to X-man -
5-50 order
2-25
2-12
some singles
180 wait for ^{train}
let-let-let
And in broke now
so can't know on my
account -

Sorry if we haven't
things just as you would
wish them - But have
been doing all we can.
Will carry on -
Love - Penny.

1940

Have about
11⁰⁰ cash left
from the 60⁰⁰
stamp money -
and 35-30¢
stamps -
Will take around
20⁰⁰ or 2.50 more
for the books that
might be - and
then what others

3) I stayed over ¹⁹⁴⁰
here ~~last~~ last
weekend and
wrote a paper.
(Believe it or not).
and boy was I
tired of studying my
Sunday night.

I bought a
camera in Santa
Ines for \$35

4) ¹⁹⁴⁰
to supplement the
drawings which
I will use in
teaching.

I have been
doing pretty good
this semester
so maybe I will
amount to something
yet. I hope so
as ever
Roy.

Dear Pappy and Grandma ¹⁹⁴⁰

How do you like
the paper, it is
all I could find.
I am there
studying for the
night. and while
I wait for Jim
with me at some
meeting I thought
I would drop
a few lines.

3) ¹⁹⁴⁰
so now I am
free. however,
I only had to
borrow \$3 from
Jim. so maybe
now I can take
some pictures and
learn how to
do some good work.
I intend to
use it wisely

Marie
is all right
Monday

Sunday

1940

My Dears Kirby & Alma
every one up & the house is in
pretty much of a stir - of course you know
that Marie has to go to hospital for appendicitis
going late today. - be operated on tomorrow -
it's a mighty bad thing all around. I've had
planned to go off to some Migrant camp & no
money. Ray said she will probably have to
stay home now. I'm afraid she will not.
Perry thinks he can handle the mail & I
Ray came to get blackberries for a cobbler -
just think of it - big juicy fellow - ?
the boys are are refusing come too
wish you could see how many. have made
several little jars of jam - mixed with
strawberries. They are making some more -
will be some corn in a week. the little
stuff. but worms killed about half of it.
tomatoes high as my head. but not much

fruit. expect they will set on later
your white, & yellow are blooming too
took them a long time to start growing -
no one would eat the Chinese cabbage,
except the snails, it was running to seed
so I fed it to the chicks. other cabbage are
heading. lots of beans sold so I north &
canned some. set out the last flat of onion
plants where the turnips had been
I dug out one row of red potatoes, for at
a time. made fine I planted a row of Aunt
Mary's corn yesterday. in their place,
okra fixing to bloom, bean too cold -
foggy all of this month & cold in morning
young chickens doing fine. but not so
many eggs, all want to set. plenty of fryers
I am keeping up fine here lately.
so thankful I can write.
Love, & prayers. Mother

1940

Dear Folks:

Everything going O.K. Can't understand why you haven't received magazines as I have sent them every week and from five to seven days ahead. We haven't any more "Living Courageously" about 24 ~~more~~ ^{"must"} we go to work!

Transplanted carnation plants into little pots yesterday - Everything growing good.

We have had cash come in and I have used it for the newspaper for 2 mos. Sewing machine. \$6.05 needle shaft was sent. Sears Roebuck, 3.30 for oil filters. Little things like that that come up there will probably be enough cash come in now & then to

Take care of it.

Kittens all over everywhere 12
of them that are out & playing sure
are cute.

Roses blooming beautifully very
pretty also the orchid tree.

We talk and think of you
all the time and we are with
you in our thoughts every day.

Loads of Love
Marie.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Monday 11 ^{am} 1940

Dear Kirby & Alma! -

Whee Marie was operated on this morning about 8⁴⁵ - I talked to Dr. as he was leaving Hospital at 9²⁵ - all OK - no more appendix - and also straightened out her uterus, I believe that is the proper name - 2 operations in one - moved over from her side and made one incision do both -

Will have another operation later on he said - Thank the Good Lord that is done - of course today she won't be awake much - I am going over about 5 PM - Marie's Mother & I went over this am - she is resting OK - Merly a

Matter of rest and quiet now -
Want try to take Margaret
in until better part of week.

Right up to date on all
orders. And what you sent in,
so nothing to worry about
on the business end, nearly
all orders for 50 - They would
be as we have been out of
50 Boxes for several weeks ^{oh} ^{well}.

Hope you two are holding up
well - Mother's letter mailed from
Knoxville yesterday - Come this am.
She is doing ok so much work,
and holding up well - Mary was
soon be here - Man am I jittery
didn't sleep 50 well last night.

Write me, Rose, Perry.

1940

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Turned over 12^{00} grocery money
to Kay & Iris - We used 6 for 10
days - also turned over letter
and check to Sears for furniture,
they will handle that.

They have some grocery money
already - So should be enough.

Watering both house & car can
stuff at least once every 2 days
and often when I can. P.L.

1940

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Here is a letter I wrote
Tuesday but forgot to mail.
also, here is the bill for
insurance on the Chevy.
We received the money
alright, and as I did not
need the \$5 for rent. I gave
it to Marie for stamps.

as ever

Kay.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Wed Noon 1940
5th //

Dear Kirby ^{and} Alma! -

It never rains, but it pours -
Maie went to see Dr Cook ^{yesterday}
had blood test taken, regular
Examination and so on - Went
back this am for another one,
and it is worse today - yes
the appendix - Got to come out.

Unless it gets worse, guess we
will take her in to hospital

Sunday afternoon late, and then
they will operate Monday morning.

Will go to hospital at Artesia,
some distance as Whittier - Cheaper
& quieter than the large ones -

It is highly recommended, as is
Dr. Cooke - Mrs. Hendie was there
and say both are OK - Can't be helped
She can't go on like she is - Been

going on leave now for weeks.

Will cost about 100⁰⁰ for Hospital,
that includes everything except the
Docs fee. Around 10 days there
I expect - So expect will have
to have some money in week or
two - if you please.

Ray home now severe drip, has
to go back Sat for one test - Iris
came in Mon night and went back
Tues - She will be home Fri night.

All OK - I can handle orders and
get them out - Make deposits etc -
Will forward your mail to you -

So No use to Worry - We got sup.
Lack house and plants & shrubs, tree etc.
I will keep watered & take care of.

Next few days she is to rest and be
quiet - We will keep you posted -

Will do all I can in all ways, as
I think is best - Love, P. L.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday Morning 1940
about 9-

Dear Kirby & Alma:-

We were just getting ready to go by Mothers, and on to Pomona - But Marie starting vomiting and has had headache - She is lying down resting - Don't know now if we will go or not - She is really worn down - Lost weight and looks bad -

Kay home now, has been for several days - He is supposed to go to Beach today with Dick - Don't know yet if they will.

Bought 100 - 15¢ stamps with the 15⁰⁰ from Kay - Marie got another 100 stamped envelopes - from gro. money.

Hoing away are the three things we were growing - Mother fairly well, we were down there last night -
Love, P. L.

1940



HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

Monday

Darling:

Puente (not few-enty)!

Wednesday 6:40 A.M.

Heaps of hugs and

kisses!

Ever your own

Kirby

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

1940
Walt has 2 exams. but
he's got to get to work on papers.
and he's working all vacation
at the Y.

We hope to get to
N.Y. & the Opera for one
day. Incidentally
we have tickets for Sat.
mat. here for the new
Moss-Hart musical, which
plays 3 days here before
opening in N.Y.C. - "High
& Higher" is the name of it.
Dad'd better leave Walt
some room.

How are you anyway?
Laurie Rfeetge was here
last week. & spoke in Shedd's

Class

We were surely glad to see her. Had supper together & a nice chat.

She said she'd seen you just few days before. Said you looked great - Hope you keep feeling that way!

Master's lectures were great stimulants & very good antidotes for some of Heibach's stuff. He (H.R.N.) got pretty ~~fr~~ burned-up - but took it in good shape.

Must crack the notes if I am to crack an exam tomorrow or get it!

Take Care,

Walt,

P.S.

Forwarding a letter received

1946
Tues. the 9th.

Dear Folks,

Well, I bought the ice skates. Oh boy! And am I good! You should see me. I swish around in my green suit with my black jacket underneath to keep me warm, plus a sweater of course, and mittens, and a new white and orange paisley wool scarf for my head. Walt has ear muffs (blue) to keep his ears warm. As for the actual skating...well, this is Walt's third time, and my third in 6 years. But really, we're improving already. I've only fallen down once, even if that time did make up for all the rest. I got figure skates, and they're swell for turning and everything, but I forgot and let the front part trip me up on some circles the last time, and zowie!! I hit, with my knee leading, and then slid gracefully on my face for about 15 ft.. Walt says it was really beautiful. It would have been fun sliding, if I hadn't hit so hard and jarred my teeth. Good thing the ice was about 10 ft. thick. My knee is still black and blue, but I get no sympathy.

Speaking of sympathy, Walt is sure entitled to some. He has another boil on his arm, near the elbow, and is it a lulu. His whole arm is swollen and sore-as a boil. He has another one coming to we think, tho I sure hope it won't turn out to be one.

I just got through typing 5 full single-spaced pages of bibliography for Macintosh, Dad, that is only one part of a 35 section bibliography, and most of them are longer than this one. The office wouldn't handle it because of its length, so he had members of the class take a section. I did Walt's. My, my. Its almost too long to be meaningful, but is certainly a swell bibliography on the several subjects, under Systematic Theology. Well, I guess we go up to hear ~~Mattheson~~ ^{Morgenstern} (?) from the Jewish Theological Seminary tonight on Judaism. Part of an exchange scheme, Niebuhr spoke there earlier.

Say, Mother, you ought to take up knitting for the trip, to keep you occupied while you listen to Dad spiel all over the country. Or how about crocheting? A bedspread would be nice! Or would it?

Its snowed several times this week, so its all nice and white, except for the dirty streets. Its been pretty cold here too. Tho I haven't been out too much. We set a pan of water outside and manufacture our own ice. What for? Well, Mariam gave Walt a case of ginger ale for his birthday. So...we like it with ice and with pineapple juice to make it go further. Its pretty cheap too. We can get 3 big bottles for a quarter at the Coop. So we usually do.

Well, how about a letter??? Take care of yourself, all of you, and how about a Dad's schedule?

Love - Mary

Hi-Ya Pals!

We hear you've been having some Calif. "dew" - (Real rain???) We've just realized that vacation is supposed to be over - but 3 mornings a week, I have no classes until 11:25. so - we still sleep! What luxury - but with boils & stuff, I've got to relax & build up some or I'm afraid they'll keep coming. - are working on pamphlet money collections + will try to have most of it by the end of the month. Adios, Walt.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940
Saturday 9:30 PM

Darling:

Here in Chicago station waiting for
Pittsburgh sleeper!

Comfortable trip. Snow and
cold - outside!

Got lot of reading done.

Feeling O.K.

Reach Pittsburgh 9 o'clock on
Sunday morning.

Hope you will be able to
take life at more normal
pace now.

Loveingly

Kirby

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EN ROUTE

Friday

Kirby & Alma - Sears

I am getting along very well
one week ago we had two days of hot
minds - scorched the potatoes like frost
but they are growing fine now.
I made myself sick, working with the
strawbs. They are not doing any better
out in bed - but could not sleep for
a few days. I have quilted that red
quilt - I've brought me a pkg of poison
it says pestless, & it sure got them
die right as the spot to day I found
a dog sleep at the bed room door -
another ^{dog} along the butter beam row - &
about ¹ six snails all dead, put it in
different places - found a dog or more
snails along the cedar row few days ago.
chickens about the same only one fine
hen sick. treating her with Pratt's Cure

Two hens to hatch next Monday -
This is all I know - & it's not
worth telling - but want you to
know how much I appreciate what
you are doing for ^{me} - everyone
is lonesome for you

Perry said you were sending some
literature - get it today maybe -
Love, & best wishes -

Mother -

sure there are a few bunches of
grapes on already -
no rain - & it's hot & cold
 days night

1940

Sunday, 7th

Kirby, & Alma. My Dearest ones

I have enjoyed reading your letters, no more rain but it's cold & cloudy a lot. sold three fowls yesterday & setting of eggs Friday, but some of the little chicks have died, in the coop too much, set one hen today.

I work in the garden some every day. Perry has not marked out the potatoes yet said he would soon - they want to come - last night, Thursday to Riverside to get Con he staid over night & then they carried him to Ponoma he will work there. He & his brought their lunch again to the park chips potatoes & milk - but went right back - Ray was going to be on the terrace is - Perry got poison oak just about all over himself - as has not done much - I will not write often nothing to say - & Marie has to address for me, I am all right - but guide & keep mother

Tues

1940

Kathy & Alma. Dear Ones
I have been getting along fine -
able to work most of the time
garden stuff growing good - beans
now - too ripe black beans but
the birds got me - just a very
few straws - one kind of corn
traveling looks sorry - tomatoes tied
to stakes - but not setting any fruit -
hedge growing good, & the trellis
are completely covered - some fine
roses - Kay & Iris eat chicken, &
new beans with me last Sunday -
will not eat any more chicken
until Mary comes - cool - cloudy weather
bad for me, & chicks. Love Mother

Thursday Noon ¹⁹⁴⁰
23rd

Dear Kirby:-

All goes about the same, everyone fairly well and going strong - ?

Worked at Mother's Monday Am - She has garden in wonderful shape - I mean it is clean of weeds etc -

She looks nice and everything coming along fine - Have been eating new potatoes for weeks, and beans this past week - The plane of hers is really looking much better.

The past few weeks I have been over all the lines, avocados on the slope - put fertilizer out for 200 trees - Have irrigated all trees twice - Next irrigation starts ^{yesterday} next Wed - just finished putting in 3 1/2 days on grapes and berries - And I say they are really looking better.

This Am I went over cleared & watered the 9 rows of pomegranates.

Went around and put tree wrappers
on the 22 new trees, and have been
watering them often - Carry water
in bucket to water these 5
little trees up the road.

Have cleaned out around storage
house & old rabbit pens - and North
of arbor - Also Cammas, and Marie
and I have the glass scenery in
fine shape - 3 of them are out now.

Marie worked both beds of roses
over and watered - And she planted
the petunias and has been keeping
them going. She even mowed the
lower lawn by fish pond this
am and took grass to Mother.

Marie has letters out for 11,600
books - @ 5 would be 580⁰⁰ - and
she says about that many more to go.

However had a good nights sleep in
about 2 weeks - Getting so I hate
to look at a hole - Hey - Hey.

Won't be long now and many more will be
rolling in - Hope both are ok - Love - P. L.

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Dear Alma:

We finally got your
"trunk effects" off - after much
negotiating - and hope it
reaches you in good condition.

We did all the arrangement
by mail - that is why the
bill of lading is dated for

last week -

The dray bill to the dock
was \$2 - which being the total
cost to \$9.86 - less \$8 which we
held from the disher; for this
purpose leaves a balance of \$1.86 -
which we paid.

Hope everything is well
with everyone. Things go on
much as usual here.

Do hope the thing go through
and there are no hitches.
Bill of Lading Hostily ✓
is here.
Clemie

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Dear Alma + Mr. Page!

just a
note to let you know that
I am underway in sending
out the letters. Myrtle brought
out the letters this morning
and I have about 100 of them
ready to go.

Two of the broom plants
on side of hill are blooming
can see one from the window
here.

caught a big gopher near the
flame tree this morning about
15 min. after we set the trap.

Sending you the letter from
Bishop Baker regarding Jack
Sherman, it sure is a shame
just when we need him and
his ability in that section of
the state.

Here is Bank's statement.
We are now counting the
days until you get home.
We were counting how many
you had been gone so that
week we have changed.

Sounds of Love
ever arise.

P.S. Will need about
\$6.00 more for 200 envelopes
M.

Saturday Night. 1/21/0
at 9-

Dear Kirby and Alva:-

Well another week gone, and we are
still in the ring - But oh, are we tired.

I have been up since 3³⁰ this am.
Stopped worked at 6⁵⁰ tonight.

Have had nice supper - Hen from Mother, She
(the hen) had a bad foot - so - chick -

Maie made dumplings & noodles cooked
with the Hen - Green Beans - Hey - Hey -

We will go to Mother's for dinner
tomorrow I think - Kay and Iris have
neither showed this week end either.

Kay comes home Tues I believe for about
10 days, then has one day test.

Well Boys and girls we finally saw
the big fight - Across the Canyon on
other side this am at 7¹⁵ yes,
Chota and big skunk - We stood on
the rail in the road and watched -

Chota would stay away, and skunk
would run at him, back & forth and

run at him again, I told Marie,
watch him now and see him
grab, sure enough Chota made
a dive, grabbed him by neck -
shook him once, and then turned
and went off about 30 feet ^{in air} - stayed
there about a minute then went
back - and then the fun started -

He would get him by the neck
and such shaking I never did see.
He kept that up for about 10 min.

We have been keeping him tied
up most nights. He did some so good today

The 12 kittens are really a sight
such playing you never did see.

We are out of 30th stamps, have
only about 10 of the 15th ones left,
and 1 1/2 are gone - Envelopes are
used up (the stamped ones).

Send you two are heading up so good and
that things are going well. always glad to
get your letters - are OK here. we got sm.
Love - Penny.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sat afternoon
at 5-40

Dear Kirby and Alma! -

Wee don't we have fun, all
still here and going strong - ^{oh} yeah

My Honey goes in to hospital
Tomorrow evening at 5 - we're open to
about 8³⁰ Monday am - Nothing to
worry over, everything will be all
right -

Kay & Iris back at school
Today for last day - Iris been
gone all week except Fri night.

Margaret has one more week
of school -

Don't worry about the mail,
order etc - I can and will
handle all OK - Man, I'm getting
to be a bore with the typewriter.

Will continue to send you the

Mail that's necessary - as for
orders, ect - all OK - I got em.

As for posting the books and
cash book - Cards, ect - That
we'll have to wait until
Marie gets home and able -

Afraid I won't get much
hoeing done - We'll take care
of both house & plants - Mail
and orders - Margaret - And
of course everything I can
everywhere - We'll be going to
hospital and also Mother's -

Haven't had a night's sleep in
about 3 weeks - But I'm all right.

Kay been waiting round since
home from school - Write us,

Love, P.L.



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Thursday 5³⁰ pm
1940

Dear Lily: -

We were glad to get your letter today.

Know you are busy and keep moving all the time - Hope your health holds up.

Mother always gets so much pleasure from your letters.

I have been feeling better past few weeks, still room for improvement. But think I will be all OK from here on out. My Henry about all in has been walking to land and with coeds etc., makes it tough.

Here at home planted all the
trees, and shrubs Alma got at
Armstrongs, and some from here
on the place - Have you some
new trees along the road where
the skips were - They are
little, but they will grow.
Just today finished cleaning
out all the berries, and also
got them all fertilized.

Mother now so well the last
2 days - She is feeling it easy today.
We will all be glad to
see you. Take care of yourself.
Write us if you get time,
Love,
Perry.

Margaret all OK - Keeps growing
all the time -

Alma improving & becoming
thinner she will be all OK.
Ray & Iris go in on Sun
nights & come back Fri evening.
They are going to the desert
Sat morning.

4 mornings this week I
worked at Mother's, and then
afternoons in here at home.

Trying to get all that
Bermuda grass out of garden,
and looks like I'll do it yet.
Her place has lots of changes,
think you will like them -
5 new peach trees across front.

Dear Kirby:

We are counting
the days until you get home
we will have the first fried
chicken when you get here having
a hard time keeping Kay from
them.

Our weekly trip to Dr.
Burnside today. Hope he will
have arms in shape in time.

We are having summer
weather very hot.

See you soon
Big hug & kiss
from Margaret.

Love

Mare



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Tuesday Noon.
1940

Dear Ruby:-

all well as could be
Expected - Minor colds & sniffs
and my usual asthma.

Mother got your letter
yesterday, sure glad you wrote ^{her}.
Well, the 12,500 work letters
to So. Baptists are all gone.

We got off 1000 of the
Christian singles this am.

Think Deaton will take
all rabbits, will know
this afternoon - said to do so
already folks leaving for P.O.
home, Perry

1940

Darling =

Still alive and kicking.

Isoudna would not come up for lunch yesterday, so we all went down there. I stopped on way to church to inform her. "The mountain was coming to Mahomet."

Did P. L. tell you we got the swellest rooster? at Buena Park. also ³²⁸ ~~today~~ we got a setting of best red eggs. P. L. got them for her.

The old arbor is down and foundation about ready for store-room

Kay and Iris have final test today (Mon) and then two weeks home.

Heaps love, then some
yours always

Alma.

P.S. Got a maroon hat & dress for \$4 and they look swell

1940
YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Sunday - 25th

Dear Mom -

Say, you are resting!
Anyway I guess you deserve
it - even from letter writing.
Thanks for the registration
slip for the car. Only how
of course someone had to
go and knock off the
back tail light and licence
plate. Tsk, wonder where
it is. Yes we wrote
Sacramento about it. I am
it.

Tell Mame and Perry
that the food warmer works

swell. just now the remains
of a cake repose in it. I've
used it to keep french fries
and biscuits and turns
warm, and it really does
it - It smelled slightly
of paint the first time,
but no longer. Only trouble
is I don't have anywhere
to put it - among other
things. I sure have a
house full already - just
wait 5 years - I know.

We bought some Calif. oranges
yesterday - sure taste good -
at 30¢ a doz. ought to.

Well, don't break a leg between
now and the trip. How do
you feel? - Love, Mary

1940
Fri. morn.

Dear Folks.

My what a Christmas,
and what a vacation.
We had roast chicken
for xmas - and even if the
dressing could have been
a bit milder, it all turned
out swell. We had 2
of the boys down who didn't
already have better invitations
for turkey and had a swell
time. Everybody thinks the
tree is swell - which it is!
Anne and Pete went to buy

2.

So we had Marian over for
about 4 days, tho she
was out most of the time.
we opened presents xmas
morning - and she was here
then, after going caroling
with her Sunday school kids
at 4:30 A.M. Walt the
Nat. guessed most all
of his presents, drat it. —
which were handball gloves,
suspenders (much needed), and
cuff links. plus a bunch
of screwy games, including
miniature croquet. Anne
& Pete gave us a lovely plate,

the kind with a dark blue
border, flower in center. very nice.
then I got, what he been wanting
for ages, a beautiful copper pin
to go with my bracelet Perry
gave me. Its a leaf pin. made
by Southern Highlanders - handled
them the Corp. made at Asheville,
N.C. incidentally then I got
a new hat, a new slip, a
set of Yardleys lavender - toilet
water, sachet, soap, and cream.
and a good game called
Contact. you guys ought
to try it. 2 to 2 can play. 'Cept
I never win.

Walt says you guys ought
to stop, but he loves the

robe, and does he heed it by
now. The rope is working
swell too, and the kids
have eaten up all our nuts
banging on the nut bowl
with that cute hammer. Did
you make that and the buttons
too, Kay? we love them.

I'm going to buy stockings
with my check, and thank
for the gas. Walt just
finished breaking two of
my other ones, huffing me.
Oh yes! Walt also bought 2
new arrow shirts with his Dad's
check and he still needs more.

I've been working some more at
the library and maybe I can

5.

1940

get him some.

Walt's birthday was yesterday -
25 - an old man! And also,
Dad, Edith Clysedale, the Canadian
girl, and Burdett Magruder got
married in the chapel - by
minister. It was lovely. Then
I dashed home - and I cooked
Walt's birthday gift of a T-bone
steak, and iced the cake
and before dishes were all
cleared people started drifting
in. So we fed them our
favorite concoction of pineapple
juice and fingerale - try it
sometime - and Walt blew all

6.

the candles out, and we
over. And much fun was
had by all. I gave him
a nice new brief case affair
and Anne & Pete gave him
ear muffs - and boy has
it been cold here - down
to 6° the other night, and
too cold for snow. No snow
at all yet really - not
to last more than an hour.

We went to an ice hockey
game the other night - our
first - just 2 high school
games, but very good. 2
tie games - and overtime

7.
periods. One guy knocked
out cold - against the
side wall - several fights
and much commotion.
We've had to push the car
2 workings in a row - even
with anti-freeze in it.

Sony we couldn't send you
any presents, or even for Ray's
birthday, but Jim still working
on something. Maybe you can
have it by June. Thanks
for the letter & telegram.
They were swell. Well - I'd
better leave Walt some room to
write - we're still ready for funerals -

Hi - Folks - and do I believe
in Santa Claus? And how!!

Mary didn't tell you that with
most of the money she earned -
she bought me a beautiful brief
case - that expands into a
semi-overnight bag - I tried to
budget out the laugh to her
so she wouldn't spend too
much - but what can you do
when she earns her own???

She's a chip from the old blocks
I'm afraid, What a family!!!

Thanks just millions for
everything. We so grateful
and joyful. - all set for a
bang-up New Year - Best Regards
I love, Mary, Walt

1940
Alma -

This is terrible - Your
husband getting written up
in that infallible book
The Red Network! Can't
you make him "khash"?
Causing all this trouble
"just aint right" - And think
of all the boost that Sept
meeting is getting in this way,
do the best you can
with him and "purify
his teachings"
Zale

1940

NEW YORK

Dear Felp.

Well, I've just went to a
sage meeting, & did not go
because I had too much to
do, - boy, only 6 weeks before
exams, & then at school I went
to every night & I think the
work piles up. I'm so afraid
to study heavily in pieces.

We received a bill
from the dentist
the other day, could not
pay it now

2 and we will pay it back
later. - It's \$2, and will pay it back
\$3 a month. I forgot it!

I chipped a tooth, or
rather a tooth broke off
next to a filling and I
will have to go see him
about it.

Last week we were
washed to a frozen so
we went to the mountains
with Larry and Virginia
some fun.

so much for us.

How are the meetings.

and how a man,

Take it easy.

I am still gaped about
you not taking that
extra time; rather foolish.

Have you used the camera,
would you like my
light meter.

Take lots, they will be
nice later on. They will
be worth it.

I have to go to work

no:

Yours
Roy.

1940

Dear folks -

If you're having half as grand a time as you say you are, I envy you. But we're really enjoying it here, too.

Kay says to tell you he's having Marie send those filters to you. Change them every 6000 miles. And change the oil at the same time. And he's still griped about the tire!

Kay says to tell you he got thru having the avocados this weekend too. He mowed the lawn too, except one side of the lower lawn - he got too tired. He really worked. Sunday p.m. I sat out on the lawn in a play suit and

competition for Mary Jo.

I don't know where the time has gone, but I've done no reading, Kirby, and I'm ashamed, but I'm sure I won't get any done now till school is out. I've been getting up at 5:00, and the day goes even faster, it seems. I've been working on the Yankee Are Not Coming Committee, and I'm kind of puzzled about the whole affair - how far something like that is really effective, you know. I'm not sure, but think it was worth trying anyhow.

darned - with 6 kittens playing with the thread. By the way the lightest gray cat and Brownie have kittens too. We found them both Saturday. Brownie has only one and he's Patchy Jr. Cutest thing you ever saw. Little white square face, and round as a ball.

We've been going down to Grandma's for Sunday dinner - take our lunch down, and she usually fixes at least one thing, too, you know. We enjoy it.

Susie talks like she'll be here any minute, now that we can offer a little

I'm staying over here
next weekend to work on
my paper in the library.
I never study over the weekend
at home and I just have to.
6 weeks and it's all over!
We'll have fun this
summer!

Don't mind if we
don't write often. You know
we think of you, and we're
all getting along perfectly.
Don't work too hard, both of
you.

Kay wants you to keep a
week open for Mexico this
summer Kirby. Don't you
think you'll need it by then?

Love to you both
Iris